

**DRAFT Agenda**  
**Monday, April 2, 2001 @ 1:00**  
**FS Supervisors Office- Rooms 1 & 2**

Introductions

Discussion of current road ownership/maintenance status

Discussion of road users

Discussion concerning EPA's desire to close the road to the public when EPA begins to haul in May

Decision concerning potential and immediate road closure

- Who is the road closed to?

- Will the road be widened?

- Who monitors access?

- Who pays for the gate?

Discussion concerning long-term road use; Options discussed 3/21/01 include:

- Paving

- Relocation

- Access change (i.e. foot traffic, administrative traffic, permanent road closure)

- Removal

Discussion concerning "who pays for what" short and long term

Kirsten Kaiser  
3/22/01

### **Information Needs/ "To Do List" Prior to 4/2/01 Meeting**

- Rainy Creek Road ownership status: Mark White/Kirsten Kaiser
- Fire Suppression contact list to Jay Adams- Paul Peronard (not necessary for the meeting)
- Notify "stakeholders" for the 4/2/01 meeting- Kirsten (PC contacts made) and Paul

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File Code: 1900

Date: March 22, 2001

Subject: March 21, 2001 Meeting Notes

On Wednesday, March 21, 2001, representatives from the Forest Service, EPA, Montana DNRC and private contractors from CDM in Helena, Montana, met to discuss the status of the former mine site, the Rainy Creek Road, the Alexander Timber Sale and the fire suppression plan for the Rainy Creek vicinity. Following is a list of meeting attendees, brief notes, and a draft agenda for the meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Meeting Attendees:* Duc Nguyen (EPA), Jeff Jones (CDM), John Craig (FS- D5), Kirsten Kaiser (FS- D5), Jay Adams (FS- D5), Mark Romey (FS-SO), Bob Castaneda (FS-SO), Bill Caldwell (DNRC), Malcolm Edwards (FS- D5), Paul Peronard (EPA), and Curt Coover (CDM).

#### *Superfund*

- EPA will propose the site for the national priority list because the site will require long-term work/monitoring. Site is referred to as a "NPL" site.
- Bob will visit with FS contacts in Missoula (OGC and Bob Kirpatrick).

#### *Rainy Creek Road*

- Discussion focused on the immediate and long-term uses of the road. The roads subgrade was built from mine tailing but the entire road surface is now contaminated. The meeting scheduled for 4/2/01 will address these issues.
- EPA will begin hauling on the Rainy Creek road in early May and expects to be complete in early August. EPA expects to haul about 18,000 truckloads. EPA drivers wear protective gear during hauling activities (i.e. respirators).
- EPA has determined that use of this road, without a high level of dust control, constitutes a public health risk due to airborne contaminants associated with use; therefore, EPA proposed a "complete closure" (i.e. closed to the public with a gate) during EPA hauling activities.

#### *Alexander Timber Sale*

- FS will not proceed with any activities proposed in the Alexander decision area that are within the fire perimeter that was identified by EPA and the FS in August of 2000. Action on the remaining activities within the Alexander decision area will be delayed until completion of the USGS map that identifies "contaminated" sites outside of the mine proper and communication with EPA.
- EPA does not know the long-term safety issues associated with FS activities in the

area (i.e. underburning, logging).

#### *Fire Suppression Activities*

- FS discussed that young folks use this area as a party area and there is typically small fires associated with this use.
- FS will use the fire restriction map agreed to by the FS and EPA in August of 2000.
- EPA will provide suppression contact list for FS.

#### *Miscellaneous*

- KDC currently owns the mine area. KDC is now a subsidiary of WR Grace.

#### *EPA "Clean-Up" Process in Libby*

- EPA is identifying more sites in town that utilized mine tailing such as the high school and middle school tracks.
- Close to completion of the cleanup for the export and screening sites.
- Long-term issues may include insulation in houses.

#### *Current PC/State and FS hauling activities on Rainy Creek road*

- No State activities.
- PC activities unknown.
- FS has an active sale (Barron Jack) that has about 15 loads to haul on Rainy Creek road; there is an alternate route for haul.
- FS also has the Sheldon sale that is expected to be sold in May; the lower ½ miles of Rainy Creek road is needed for this sale. EPA stated that it would be best if the FS did not haul on this road until mitigation was complete.

#### *USGS Map*

- Contact is Rodger Clark ([303-236-1332/303-236-1411/ rclark@speclab.cr.usgs.gov](mailto:rclark@speclab.cr.usgs.gov)) or Sam Vance ([303-236-5362/ svance@speclab.cr.usgs.gov](mailto:svance@speclab.cr.usgs.gov))
- EPA will have USGS interpret results for the FS.